



Craig Interagency Dispatch Center

Northwest Colorado

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BLM TO CONDUCT PRESCRIBED BURN IN RIO BLANCO COUNTY

The White River Field Office will be conducting prescribed burns over the next two weeks beginning today if weather conditions are favorable. The burn sites are located 22 miles south of Rangely, Colorado, along Highway 139 corridor on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) public land. Target acres for the burn scheduled for this week is 450 acres. The target for next weeks prescribed burn is 500 acres.

These projects will reduce hazardous fuels and benefit livestock grazing and habitat for wildlife by burning piles of pinon and juniper trees left from old chaining projects. Removing the dead and down pinion juniper trees and oak brush will promote the return of grass and forbs. Chaining was a method used in the 60s to remove trees by suspending a heavy anchor chain between two bulldozers and pulling the trees and vegetation out of the ground.

Required smoke permits have been approved by the state. Smoke may be visible. For further information call The Craig Interagency Fire Information at 970-826-5096.

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